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FOR ADMIN/CRO/ATO, ABIDJAN FOR TSO, DEPT FOR A/OC
FROM RCO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
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SUBJ: MONROVIA-CRU RENOVATIONS

REF: TSO LTR DTD AUG 16

1. DURING MAY, THE MONROVIA COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (CRU) WAS SURVEYED BY RCO PERSONNEL FOR RENOVATIONS WHICH INCLUDE DELETING TWO ROOMS OF THE EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS VAULT AREA FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ACR.

2. THE REFERENCED LETTER AND RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH TSO KEYS (ABIDJAN) REGARDING HIS PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ACR WITHIN THE COMMUNICATIONS VAULT INDICATE THE RCO PLANS AND THE TSO PLANS CONFLICT AS TO THE AREA FOR THE ACR. THE RCO PROJECT WHICH IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF ENGINEERING, INVOLVES USING THE TWO END ROOMS (NEXT TO THE STAIRS, WHICH CURRENTLY CONTAIN A SMALL VAULT, RADIO EQUIPMENT, AND THE CRYPTO EQUIPMENT) FOR THE ACR AND UPGRADING THE WALL BETWEEN THE REMAINDER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS VAULT AREA AND THESE TWO ROOMS TO VAULT SPECIFICATIONS. THE ACR WOULD HAVE ITS OWN ENTRANCE FROM THE HALL.

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3. CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS PROHIBIT OFFICES OTHER THAN COMMUNICATIONS TO BE WITHIN THE CRU VAULT AREA. THIS INVOLVES ACCESS TO THE CRU VAULT AS WELL AS TECHNICAL COMSEC INVOLVING ELECTRICAL POWER.

4. THE FINAL RCO ENGINEERING PACKAGE WILL BE COMPLETED

BY OCTOBER AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPT FOR APPROVAL.

5. THE LOCATION OF THE ACR WITHIN THE CRU VAULT AREA IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. DEPENDING UPON THE NEED FOR THE ACR, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO TEMPORARILY RELOCATE THE CRU RADIO AND CRYPTO EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE CRU AND PROCEED WITH THE UPGRADING OF THE WALL TO VAULT STANDARDS, SO THE ACR INSTALLATION COULD PROCEED. PLEASE ADVISE.

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